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SUBJECT: FURTHER REFUGEE RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR CYPRUS

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1. COTTAGE INDUSTRY AND HANDICRAFT EMPLOYMENT PROPOSAL
OUTLINED PART II REFTTEL APPEARS TO BE WELL PLANNED,
SOUNDLY MANAGED SCHEME WHICH MERITS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION
FOR FY 1975 A.I.D. SUPPORT. AFTER REVIEW WITH WARD
SUGGEST DETAILED PROPOSAL BE SUBMITTED FOR AID/W PRIORITY
REVIEW.

2. CONCUR WITH EMBASSY JUDGMENT PER PARA 6 REFTTEL THAT
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MOST PRACTICAL WAY TO MANAGE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO COTTAGE

INDUSTRY/HANDICRAFT ACTIVITY IS DIRECT A.I.D. PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT TO UNHCR/NICOSIA. BELIEVE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION-- I.E., EMBASSY LETTER TO CYPRUS UNHCR CHIEF KELLY CONFIRMING HIS AGREEMENTS IN PRINCIPLE TO CONSIGNEE/DISTRIBUTOR FOR UNHCR ROLE IS NECESSARY TO AVOID FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS RE END USE.

3. RE OTHER IMMEDIATE RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR FY 1975 FUNDING, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IT MAY PROVE DIFFICULT TO INSURE DISTRIBUTION OF DIAPERS, TOOTHBRUSHES AND OTHER ITEMS

MENTIONED PARAS 11 REFTTEL TO INTENDED TARGET GROUPS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF BREAKDOWN OF INSTITUTIONS WHICH PREVIOUSLY CARED FOR THEM AND GENERALIZED DEMAND FOR SUCH ITEMS. TO AVOID SEEPAGE OF THESE FREE GOODS INTO OPEN MARKET, WE WOULD PREFER ASSOCIATING OURSELVES WITH CASH GRANT PROGRAM TO REFUGEES FOR LIVING COSTS OTHER THAN FOOD IF SUCH PROGRAMS ARE UNDERWAY OR PLANNED.

4. SUGGEST YOU INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. HELPING UNHCR FINANCE A PORTION OF OTHER GOC REFUGEE COSTS-- PAYMENTS FOR REFUGEE HOUSING, HEALTH SERVICES AND SOCIAL WELFARE, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH ARE CLEARLY DISASTER RELATED. CASH GRANT THROUGH UNHCR FOR GOC WOULD BE PREFERRED MECHANISM. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON WHETHER SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE NECESSARY WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES FOR THE NORTH.

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